
“To the Manager of the Communist International” from Louis C. Fraina, August 15, 1920.

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To the Manager of the
Communist International

Dear Comrade:

Concerning the appropriation for the American movement, submitted to you by the delegation of the United Communist Party, I wish to declare in the name of my Party (the Communist Party of America):

The delegation of the United Communist Party submitted its request for an appropriation independent of the Communist Party — as a delegation of the United Communist Party and not in the name of the whole American delegation.

The two delegations, in accordance with the Executive Committee’s decision for unity, had agreed to work as one delegation; but in this (as in other matters) the United Communist Party delegation is acting for itself, and not for the whole American delegation and the whole American movement.

I object very seriously to the United Communist Party being given the appropriation for the American movement.

Considering that the Executive Committee has decided for complete and final unity of the American movement, I urge:

1) That the American appropriation be made for the whole movement, and that it be given only to the Central Committee of the completely unified Party, on conditions determined by the Executive Committee of the International.

2) That, since this unity will require a few months to achieve, a small appropriation be made immediately *for both parties* on a proportional basis.

This action is necessary, I am convinced, in order to avoid factional disputes and to hasten unity in the United States.

With Communist greetings,

Louis C. Fraina

For the Communist Party of America.

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